

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6, 8 and 10 are amended to even more clearly distinguish over the applied references. The feature that the controller of the digital image storage automatically causes the taking out of the digital images from the memory of the digital camera subsequent to receipt of the signal, already recited in independent claim 9, has been added to independent claims 1, 6, 8 and 10. Thus, no new matter is added by the above amendments.

Claims 1, 2, 4-7 and 9-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,721,001 (Berstis) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,640,214 (Nambudiri et al.).¹ This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that neither Berstis nor Nambudiri et al. discloses or suggests an arrangement in which a digital image storage located apart from a docking station includes a controller that detects a signal from the docking station and automatically causes the taking out of the digital images from the memory of the digital camera subsequent to receipt of the signal, as recited in independent claims 1, 6, 9 and 10. As described in Applicants' previous Amendment, Berstis does not disclose this feature because Berstis clearly teaches that the camera microprocessor 208 transmits image data to an external computer when the camera 102 detects that power is being supplied to the camera 102, for example, through the cradle 106. See, for example, col. 4, lines 20-23, col. 4, lines 28-30 and col. 4, lines 53-56 of Berstis. The portion of Berstis referenced on page 8, lines 1-2 of the Office Action relates to the program that is executed by the camera, not by the personal computer, as appears to be acknowledged in the lower half of page 7 of the Office Action discussing claim 9.

¹ Although page 3 of the Office Action lists claims 1-7 and 9-13, claim 3 is not included in this rejection.

Nambudiri et al. does not overcome the deficiencies of Berstis. As described at col. 19, lines 10-16 and col. 19, lines 37-41 of Nambudiri et al., the synchronization command comes from the portable terminal 1610, or is supplied by the user, and does not come from the host computer (which the Office Action analogizes to the claimed digital image storage). Thus, like Berstis, Nambudiri et al. does not disclose or suggest detection of a signal or change in status from a docking station that is separate from the digital image storage in order to cause the controller of the digital image storage to cause transmission of the digital images from the digital camera. Accordingly, independent claim 1, 6, 9 and 10, along with their dependent claims, are patentable over Berstis and Nambudiri et al.

Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Berstis in view of Nambudiri et al., and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,516,099 (Davison et al.). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Davison et al. does not provide the deficiencies noted above with respect to Berstis and Nambudiri et al. Accordingly, claim 3 also is patentable. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

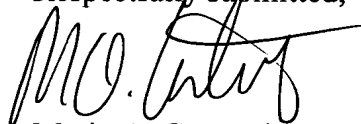
Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over JP-A-8-69684 (Chatani) in view of Nambudiri et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Chatani does not overcome the deficiencies in Nambudiri et al. discussed above. Thus, neither Chatani nor Nambudiri et al. discloses or suggests a computer-readable storage medium that stores a computer program executable by a controller of a digital image storage located apart from a docking station, wherein the computer program automatically causes the transmission of the digital image from the memory of the digital camera to the digital image storage subsequent to the detection of the receipt of the signal. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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